



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen

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Open Session Minutes of November 1, 2016

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Tuesday, November 1, 2016 @ 7 p.m.**

**H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOS

NOTE: Selectmen Johnson and Mullen were not present for this meeting.

Chairman Kimball read:

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1. OPEN FORUM

-Veteran's Agent Tony Materna briefed the BOS on the upcoming 63rd Tri-Town Veteran's Day Parade to be held in Whitman this year.

MINUTES

2. Minutes of October 4, 2016

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Welch, passed 3-0.

3. Minutes of October 18, 2016

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Welch, passed 3-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. Community Preservation Act - Rockland Ballot Question #5

Derek Ewell spoke to outline the Community Preservation Act. He summarized the provisions as voted on by the last Town Meeting.

5. Surplus Vehicle Request

TA Chiocca reported that Fire Chief Duffey wished to have Rockland 1988 GMC Fire Truck declared as surplus.

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Welch, 2nd by Mr. Ryan, passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Community Opportunities Group - Wayne Darragh - Sign & Awning Approvals

-349 Union Street - Anita Marie's Coffee Shop

-344 Union Street - Theresa's HairSay

-331 Union Street - LCT Computers

-308 Union Street - B&N Dollar Discount

-333 Union Street - Hair Design's by Michael

Wayne Darragh requested the BOS approve the sign and awning designs for five properties.

~MOTION to approve by Mr. Welch, 2nd by Mr. Ryan, passed 3-0.

7. Players Bar and Grill - Request for Early Thanksgiving Day Hours

TA Chiocca reported Player's Bar and Grill requested to open early on Thanksgiving Day from 8 AM to 11 AM.

~MOTION to approve for Players and all establishments with Police Department approval by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Welch, passed 3-0.

8. Maplewood Estates Referral to Planning Board

TA Chiocca reported the developer of Maplewood Estates has submitted preliminary request for approval and acceptance of the roads at the project. TA Chiocca indicated he would be meeting with Mr. Itani, the developer, to review the project prior to asking the BOS to forward to the Planning Board.

9. Employee Handbook - Stacy Callahan, Human Resources- Held to 11.15.16

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

-Announced Executive Session Minutes dating back to 2008 would be reviewed for release, if possible, and posted on the Town website, provided all matters were settled.

-Thanked School Committee Chairman and School Superintendent Alan Cron for working to resolve school traffic issues near Town Hall.

Thanked Peg Bryan and the Senior Center staff for their cooperation at the recent MAPC "Downtown Revitalization" forum.

-Requested volunteers for Capital Planning and other committees in Rockland.

-Discussed the "Adopt a Hydrant" Program and the need for residents to know where the closest hydrants are and to make sure they are cleared during snow accumulations.

-Announced Rockland's early voting times and that Rockland Town Clerk Donna Shortall has received recognition for the expanded local voting hours. A Gold Medal award was received for her efforts.

-Reminded viewers the 2nd Annual Rockland Pizza Palooza, sponsored by the Rockland Chamber of Commerce, will be held at the High School on November 9th. Chairman Kimball will be one of the event judges.

-Announced a 2-day event sponsored by the 4th Floor Artists organization to be held on November 19th & 20th

-Reminded everyone the annual Holiday Stroll would be held on Saturday, November 26th.

-Reminded viewers that Town Hall is open until 8PM on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Kimball read:

Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.

Mr. Welch -Please remember to vote.

-Please support the Hydrant program.

Mr. Ryan -Downtown Revitalization breakfast was a good event and Rockland should continue to promote a downtown revitalization.

-Thinks the Community Preservation Act would be a good tool for Rockland.

-Expressed condolences to the O'Connell family.

-Please volunteer.

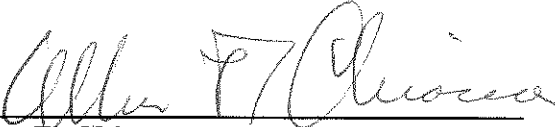
Mr. Kimball -Please exercise your right to vote in the upcoming election.

-Reminded viewers the Community Preservation Act was approved at Town Meeting and now needs ballot approval in the town.

-Urged Townspeople to volunteer for the various Town committees.

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Ryan, 2nd by Mr. Welch, passed 3-0.

Meeting ended at 7:42 PM


Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator


Larry Ryan, Vice-Chairman
for the Rockland Board of Selectman

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.